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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Request for Audit of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Tariff to
Introduce CCS7 Access Arrangement Service*
Docket No. 03-00344

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's Motion for Deferral of Agenda Item and Extension of Time to Respond to Intervenors' Request for Audit of SS7 Charges. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Request for Audit of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Tariff to
Introduce CCS7 Access Arrangement Service*

Docket No. 03-00344

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION
FOR DEFERRAL OF AGENDA ITEM AND REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
INTERVENORS' REQUEST FOR AUDIT OF SS7 CHARGES**

On May 14, 2003, XO Tennessee, Inc. ("XO") and AT&T Communications of the South Central States ("AT&T") filed a *Request for Audit of SS7 Charges* relating to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") CCS7 Access Arrangement Service. On the same date, AT&T sought intervention. Unfortunately, BellSouth was not served with a copy of either document and was not aware of the filings until Wednesday, June 25, 2003, when they were discovered on the Authority's website. Since the filings were made, the Authority has placed the Request for Audit on its July 7, 2003 Conference Agenda.¹

BellSouth respectfully requests that it be given thirty days from June 25, 2003, the date it obtained copies of the filings, to respond and that the matter be deferred from the July 7, 2003 Agenda. Rule 1220-1-2.03 provides that a respondent shall serve on the petitioner and file with the Authority a responsive pleading within 30 days after service of the complaint. BellSouth and counsel for AT&T and XO have agreed that BellSouth will consider, for the purpose of computing the date by which BellSouth shall

¹ See Section 4, Item 2 of Authority Agenda for July 7, 2003, Docket No. 03-00344.

file its responsive pleading in this proceeding, that it was served with the documents on June 25, 2003. Accordingly, BellSouth proposes that it file its response by July 25, 2003 and requests that the matter be deferred from the July 7, 2003 Agenda Conference in order that the Authority will have the benefit of BellSouth's Response before taking any action. Counsel for AT&T and XO have no objection to this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 2, 2003, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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